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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply, dated August 2, 2001, in connection with the above-identified application, please consider the following remarks.

The Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed August 2, 2001, states that "this application clearly fails to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825." Specifically, the Notice requests submission of a Sequence Listing with respect to the above application. It is respectfully submitted that the present application does not contain sequences requiring submission of a Sequence Listing under 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825. As such, withdrawal of the Notice of Incomplete Reply is respectfully requested.

As defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.821, "nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences as used in §§1.821 through 1.825 are interpreted to mean an unbranched sequence of four or more amino acids or an unbranched sequence of ten or more nucleotides." It is respectfully submitted that the above application does not contain any unbranched sequences of four or more amino acids or

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ten or more nucleotides. The only sequences disclosed in the application may be found at page 15, a sequence of eight nucleotides, at page 29, a sequence of eight nucleotides and in Table 1, where all amino acid sequences are less than four amino acids.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner either specifically identify the sequences not in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825, or that the Notice be withdrawn.

No fee is believed due with the present response. However, please charge any fees, or make any credits, to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. If the Examiner would like to discuss any of the issues raised in the notice of Incomplete Reply or this Response, Applicant's representative can be reached at (858) 677-1456.

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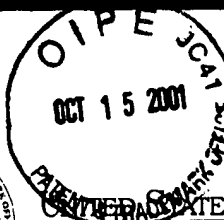
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on to the Notice mailed and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

- This application clearly fails to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825. Applicant's attention is directed to the final rulemaking notice published at 55 FR 18230 (May 1, 1990), and 1114 OG 29 (May 15, 1990). If the effective filing date is on or after July 1, 1998, see the final rulemaking notice published at 63 FR 29620 (June 1, 1998) and 1211 OG 82 (June 23, 1998). If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000). Applicant must provide an initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing", an initial paper or compact disc copy of the "Sequence Listing", as well as an amendment directing its entry into the application. Applicant must also provide a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d). If applicant desires the sequence listing in the instant application to be identical with that of another application on file in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, such request in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e) may be submitted in lieu of a new CRF.

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